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Tennessee
man faces theft
charge here

By BEN HYATT, NEWS WRITER
A Tennessee resident was extradited by the Harrison County Sheriff's Department following a theft by deception charge that is more than a year old.

According to the Harrison County Sheriff's Department, Jody Allen, 34, was extradited from Rogersville, Tenn., on Thursday, Jan. 19, for charges related to a theft by deception case which was filed in Harrison County September 2010.

According to the sheriff's report, Allen purchased 536,250 tobacco plants from Asbury Greenhouse in 2010 and paid the balance with a "bad check."

Det. Paul Olin of the Harrison County Sheriff's Department said David Asbury reported the check he was given for payment for the tobacco plants was returned and listed as "insufficient funds," in Allen's checking account.

The initial report was made on Sept. 17, 2010. The report listed the total value of the tobacco plants at \$5,362.50.

"After the report was taken, we made several attempts to contact [Allen] in regards to the payment for the tobacco plants," said Olin. "We were unsuccessful on several occasions."

Olin said once criminal complaints were being pursued, Allen contacted the sheriff's office.

"He sent a check to David Asbury in the sum of \$2,000 for payment on the balance owed," said Olin. "He told us that the remaining \$3,400 would be sent to settle the balance in order to keep the situation from becoming a legal matter."

Allen was unable to be contacted following his \$2,000 payment for the tobacco plants.

On Jan. 19, Sheriff Bruce Hampton and Olin drove to Rogersville, Tenn., to transport Allen back to Harrison County

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REDISTRICTING

House, Senate boundaries change for Harrison reps

By BECKY BARNES, EDITOR

And just like that, proverbial lines were drawn in the sand... or in this case, Kentucky soil.

Harrison County's state representative, Tom McKee, said Monday night that the new redistricting of House and Senate boundaries boiled down to politics.

Harrison County's 78th House district changes minimally. However, the new Senate lines are dramatic.

Sen. R.J. Palmer, a Winchester Democrat, has served as Harrison County's representation in the Senate for the last 10 years.

Palmer's new 28th District drops Harrison County as well as Nicholas, Bath and Montgomery counties and picks up Powell County and 46,000 voters in Fayette County. Harrison County is now part of the controversial 13th Senate district represented by Kathy Stein, the Lexington Democrat, who is being ousted from her district at the end of the year because of the realignment.

Harrison County joins Robertson, Nicholas, Bath,



Sen. Kathy Stein



Sen. R.J. Palmer



Rep. Tom McKee

Harrison County may not be in the 28th District, but the senator in the 28th District will still be advocating for Harrison County.

R.J. Palmer

Montgomery, Fleming, Mason and Lewis counties in the new 13th District.

Palmer said Wednesday morning that he is not particularly happy about the change but he knew there would be changes.

"The loss of population in the east and west is pushing everything to the middle [of the state]," Palmer said. "This

plan changes 60 percent of my district."

Palmer said he is disappointed to lose Harrison County. "Unfortunately, the Constitution mandates that we redraw the lines every 10 years. It's not always a pretty process," he said.

Palmer voted against the Senate changes, noting that

there was an alternative plan that would not have created the displacement of so many sitting legislators.

McKee said that because Fayette County is no longer in the 13th District where Stein lives, she cannot seek re-election. He said that even if she moved into one of the counties in that northeastern district she would not meet the residency requirement.

Stein's central Fayette County area will become part of the 4th District, which is represented by Henderson Democrat Dorsey Ridley.

Stein has publicly vowed that while she may be out at the end of 2012, state government has not seen the last of her.

Stein said Wednesday morning in a telephone interview that she will basically be deferring to Sen. Palmer regarding any specific legislation that would relate to Harrison County.

"In a sense, every vote taken in the Senate has to take in consideration the whole state," Stein said. "However, bills specific to your community, because

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Photo by Ben Hyatt

WORKING THROUGH THE WINTER MONTHS The Walker Company workers continue to work through the winter months to reach the bypass deadline set for July 2013. "July 2013 still looks doable as our workers put in hours during the weekends if necessary," said Arthur Walker. "We are doing all that the winter months allow us to do." Pictured above is an excavator working on a section of the bypass located on White Oak Pike, near TI Automotive.

Webb trial set for July in adjoining Pendleton

Harrison Circuit Judge Jay Delaney ruled last Wednesday afternoon that the Bass Webb murder trial will be conducted in Pendleton Circuit Court in Falmouth.

Delaney had ordered in December that the trial site be moved because of pre-trial publicity which had contaminated the jury pool in Harrison County.

Following a Friday mornign conference call, Delaney set the trial date for July 18-Aug. 17.

Delaney ruled on the move to Pendleton County after Commonwealth Attorney Douglas Miller presented three witnesses for the commonwealth. *Lexington Herald Leader* vice president Nelson Fonticiella and *Cynthiana Democrat* publisher George Jacobs testified that Pendleton County was not in their newspapers' primary circulation area. Pendleton County Judge Executive Henry Bertram testified that there is little exposure to Lexington or Cynthiana news coverage among his county's residents.

Defense attorney Tom Griffiths argued for Oldham or Bullitt County to host the trial. Griffiths said that Harrison and Pendleton counties had a "common border and common highway" and that conversations about the case had occurred among residents of the neighboring counties.

"Based on statistics, Pendleton County does seem appropriate," said Delaney in his ruling.

Delaney requested that pretrial hearings continue to be held in Cynthiana as a matter of convenience and to lessen the likelihood of publicity in Pendleton County. Griffith and Miller agreed.

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